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REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1902.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES JANUARY 14, 1903.

To the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden:

We herewith submit for your consideration, the financial results for the year ending December 31, 1902.

We are pleased to state that the anticipated increase of \$8,000.00 in our receipts from rentals has been almost realized, the exact amount being \$7,963.34 and as every store and tenement is occupied and as no vacancies are anticipated, a still further increase of about \$5,000.00 for the coming year is confidently expected.

By reason of the recent condemnation proceedings instituted by terminal companies for right of way and other purposes, through the district lying between Main street and the Levee south of Washington avenue, in which section the Board has six (6) pieces of property, the Board has been able to dispose of one piece of 90 feet on the corner of Main and Vine streets at a satisfactory price, and in order to provide a home for the tenants we are now engaged in replacing some old and dilapidated buildings at the southwest corner of Main and Market streets, with a fine factory building to cost about \$35,000.00, which has been leased for a term of years at a good rental.

We are sorry not to be able to report further sales of residence property, but hope, with the largely increased but unsatisfied demand for houses, to make sales in the early spring.

The city is at present engaged in the building of two large sewers in the neighborhood of the Garden, both badly needed, but which will, unfortunately, make a large



SAUCER GARDENING—*AMORPHOPHALLUS RIVIERI*.

demand upon our revenue, possibly to the amount of \$20,000.00.

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of one of our most active and valuable members, Mr. Henry Hitchcock, who died on March 18, 1902.

The following memorial was adopted by the Board and entered upon its records: —

IN MEMORIAM — HENRY HITCHCOCK.

Among the late losses of respected citizens out from her midst which St. Louis has been called on to deplore, the death of Mr. Henry Hitchcock has brought a deep sense of sorrow.

To his fellow members of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden that sense of loss is gravely intensified by their grateful memories of his assiduous and faithful labors in helping and guiding them in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities laid upon them by the will of the donor of the Garden, and by the confidence reposed in them by the chief beneficiary, the public.

Ever on the alert that the sovereign behests of the Trust, in which he had a share of custodianship, should be loyally obeyed, painstakingly industrious that the method as well as the aims of fiduciary duty should be carefully heeded, holding a chief place and a laboring oar in the hardest worked Committee of the Board, and with legal skill and sound judgment and fearless integrity directing all its counsels and actions, he was to his fellow members as a very tower of strength in their efforts worthily to fulfil their trust.

The Board, therefore, in emphasizing the great loss which the community has sustained in the death of Mr. Hitchcock, and in assuring the afflicted family of its deep sympathy, desires also to record its special sense of its own bereavement. From the beginning of the existence of the Board he was its Vice-president and the Chairman of its most active Committee.

The hearts of all the members are filled equally with sorrow for his death and grateful appreciation of his useful and unselfish life, and of the high and honorable position which his integrity and ability had won for him in the city, in the state and in the nation.

Yet sorrow is overtopped by triumph in the thought of

‘ Life’s work well done,
Life’s race well run,
Life’s crown well won,
Now comes rest.’

The only permanent improvements made at the Garden during the past year were the erection of a series of

growing houses, some seven in number, costing \$7,000.00; but the Garden has received careful attention by a large increase to the collection of plants and shrubs.

The annual bequests provided for by Mr. Shaw in his will have been fully carried out, with the exception of premiums for a flower show (none having been held), at an expense of \$2,480.93.

A large number of additions have been made to the library and herbarium during the past year, and the following amounts have been credited to the stock account, which now stands upon our books at \$1,612,176.96.

Library	\$7,475 76
Herbarium	9,426 60
Growing Houses	7,000 00

Although with the increased expenditure for current Garden account, an excess of \$4,000.00 for taxes over the previous year, and the increased cost of insurance and repairs, all of which was paid out of the income for the year, we are able to carry forward a surplus of receipts, over expenses, of \$6,339.36.

For additional information concerning the operations at the Garden, you are referred to the Director's annual report.

RECEIPTS.

Rents	\$106,632 11	
Interest and dividends	3,147 93	
Garden pasturage, above expenses	269 54	
Garden handbook sales	46 00	
Publication sales	6 42	
Loss by fire to buildings	739 91	
Sales of real estate	1,000 00	
Hail insurance loss	121 58	
Street openings	12,468 40	\$124,431 89
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Cash on hand January 1st, 1902		2,710 61
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		\$127,142 50
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EXPENDITURES.

Garden Account,		
Labor pay-roll	\$17,911 41	
Students' pay-roll	1,612 77	
Office assistance	780 00	
Fuel	1,071 04	
Water	417 00	
Repairs and supplies	2,011 31	
Stable and implements	221 45	
Plants and seeds	1,327 66	\$25,352 64
Herbarium Account,		
Salaries	455 04	
Fuel	71 94	
Current expenditure	2,488 83	3,015 81
Library Account,		
Salaries	1,353 42	
Fuel	71 96	
Current expenditure	5,170 02	6,595 40
Office Account,		
Salaries	4,591 04	
Fuel	71 95	
Current expenditure	423 68	5,086 67
Research Account,		
Salaries	819 96	
Drawing plates	8 50	
Current expenditure	247 35	1,075 81
Scholarship Account,		
Instruction	663 00	
Care of Lodge	240 00	
Fuel	55 08	
Current expenditure	163 88	1,121 96
Total maintenance expenditure		\$42,248 29
Garden Improvement Account,		
Planting North American synopsis	404 07	
Plant houses	94 63	
Growing houses and work yard	7,687 76	8,186 46
Total		\$50,434 75
Publication Account,		
Thirteenth annual volume	2,274 78	
Reprints, Volumes III. and VIII.	600 00	2,874 78
Property Expenses,		
State, school, city and sprinkling tax	30,845 23	
Streets, sidewalks and sewers	998 01	
Opening streets	11,942 64	
Insurance	5,784 11	
Repairs	4,490 62	
New improvements	1,337 95	55,393 56
Carried forward		\$108,708 09

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$108,708 09
Office Expenses,		
Salaries	4,080 00	
Office rent	870 00	
Printing, postage, telephone and advertising	646 62	5,596 62
Bequests,		
Flower Sermon	200 00	
Trustees' Banquet	892 00	
Gardeners' Banquet	361 30	
Washington University, School of Botany .	1,027 63	2,480 93
Sundries,		
Legal expenses	192 75	
Repairs to buildings damaged by fire . . .	738 41	
Damage by hail to plant houses	135 54	
New buildings	1,950 00	
Commission	91 50	3,108 20
Total expenditure		\$119,893 84
Cash on hand December 31, 1902		7,248 66
		<u>\$127,142 50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LACKLAND, President.

Attest:

A. D. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.